

# Library Quarterly

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Online at [VAPLD.info/card](http://VAPLD.info/card). Begin using your card number online as soon as you receive it in your email (usually within 24 hours).

## Access your account

Go to [VAPLD.info/account](http://VAPLD.info/account) and log in with your library card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your phone number).

In the Vernon Library app: download for free in your app store.

## Borrow

To find books, e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, video games, and other materials available for checkout, go to [VAPLD.info](http://VAPLD.info)

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To find articles from magazines, newspapers, and journals, go to [VAPLD.info](http://VAPLD.info). Change the search box option from "Catalog" to "Articles" in the drop-down menu before you search.

## Convenient book returns

Return materials 24/7 at the library drive-up slot or in:

### **Buffalo Grove**

Grove Shopping Center  
197 McHenry Rd.  
northeast corner of Lake-Cook  
and McHenry roads

### **Long Grove**

Sunset Grove Shopping Center  
4190 IL Route 83  
southeast corner of Route 83  
and Aptakisic Road

## Attend an event

View upcoming lectures, discussions, classes, performances, and storytimes: [VAPLD.info/calendar](http://VAPLD.info/calendar)

Events are free and open to all.

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# Library News

## Giving Books as Gifts? Your Library Can Help

When it comes to finding the right book for every reader, librarians are the experts. One convenient way to tap their expertise is to pick up a copy of the annual Vernon Area Public Library Gift Guide.

Inside, you will find 67 hand-picked recommendations of books published in 2022. The selections are thoughtful and diverse. Adult recommendations include both acclaimed fiction and thought-provoking nonfiction. The guide also contains ideas for teens, grade school children, and even pre-readers.

Printed copies are available for pickup at the library and various locations in the community, or download a digital copy from the library website.



## New! EV Charging Stations

Visitors to the library can power up their car while browsing for books or attending a library program, thanks to two new Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations added to the library parking lot.

The chargers are available on a first-come, first-serve basis during regular library hours. They are compatible with all electric vehicles currently on the market, including Teslas.

To use the charging stations, you will need to download the EVmatch app or create an account on EVmatch.com. There is a fee to charge, which covers the cost of electricity plus an amount toward cost recovery for the equipment. The current rate is available in the EVMatch app or on the library website at [VAPLD.info/EV](https://vapl.org/ev).

## Notary Service Available

For most people, it's not often that you'll need a notary public, but when you do, it's good to know the service is available at your library.

A notary is a certified official who can witness your signature and attest to your identity. Notarization is often required for legal documents, such as when buying or selling a house, preparing a will or Power of Attorney, or filing to run for public office.

Vernon Area Public Library provides free notary service by appointment. There are some limits to what we can provide; we recommend reviewing the information on the

website before requesting an appointment to confirm we can provide what you need. Find details and an appointment request form at [VAPLD.info/notary](https://vapl.org/notary) or call 224-543-1485.

## Toys for Tots

Brighten this winter for a local child in need. Donate new, unwrapped toys and books in the library lobby for children ages 0–12. Donations will be distributed in Lake County through the Great Lakes chapter of Toys for Tots, an annual program of the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Drop off continues through Friday, December 9.





# One Book, One Community

2022–2023

Hosted by Vernon Area, Indian Trails, and Cook Memorial public libraries, this beloved annual series is an opportunity to join your neighbors in a shared experience of literature. This year's selection is *The Bohemians* by Jasmin Darznik.

*The Bohemians* captures a glittering and gritty 1920s San Francisco through the lens of a young Dorothea Lange, just starting on her path to becoming part of San Francisco's art scene and American photography history. A vivid and absorbing portrait of the past, it is also eerily resonant with contemporary themes, as anti-immigration sentiment, corrupt politicians, and a devastating pandemic bring tumult to the city. As Dorothea sheds her innocence, her purpose is awakened and she grows into the artist who would create pictures — like her iconic Depression-era photograph, "Migrant Mother" — that would break the hearts and open the eyes of a nation.

## We had a chance to ask author Jasmin Darznik a few questions:

**You were born in Tehran and came to the U.S. as a small child. Dorothea Lange moved alone to San Francisco as a young woman. Are there elements of Dorrie's story that you recognized in your own experience?**

Having grown up in an immigrant family, I could well imagine the disorientation Lange must have felt when she was marooned in San Francisco in 1918. My telling of how she was robbed soon after she arrived in the city is true to the facts of her life, as is the larger narrative about how she fashioned a new life and a new self for herself once she

came to California. I'm fascinated by how such accidents of history and circumstance shape us. Particularly for artists and writers these ruptures can change the course of one's life. I really don't know if I would have become a writer if I hadn't experienced immigration. It's fundamental to how I see the world, a source of confusion and pain, but also of creativity.

## How does the concept of "truth" relate to both photography and historical fiction writing?

A photograph, no matter how seemingly documentary, is always also a reflection of the person who takes it. Historical fiction works in much the same way. What I see when I look back to the 1920s may differ quite radically from how others see it. When I looked at Dorothea Lange's life my eye was drawn to the period of time when she was still finding herself. I was also intrigued by the mention of her Chinese American assistant. It occupies just a few paragraphs in her biography, but that relationship made me see not only Lange but her times in a different way. And yet there is a veracity to the tale, just as there is a veracity to a photograph. It's a version of her story that's consonant with the known parts of her story. It's just that it draws on imagination to make it come alive.

## What do you hope readers take away from *The Bohemians*?

The idea of who is or can become American was hotly contested in the 1920s. That was a time of massive immigration, and it spurred white nationalist movements and anti-immigrant legislation. A hundred years later the fault lines of American history fall along those same lines. Racism and sexism are as much a part of our world as they were of Lange's. One thing that has changed is that we now have storytellers who're bringing unseen stories into the frame. That's definitely what most excites me as a novelist — that power to make the hidden parts of our history more visible.



# One Book, One Community Programs

Each library offers discussion groups and programs related to the themes of the book. All are welcome to attend any of these free events; sign up in advance (required). Note 🏠 in-person, 🌐 online, or both. Signup begins Thursday, December 1. Find additional programs, details, and signup links at [1book.org](http://1book.org)

## One Book, One Community Kickoff

Sunday, December 11, 1 pm

🏠 at Vernon Area Library

Stop by to pick up a complimentary copy of *The Bohemians* by Jasmin Darznik. Enjoy a treat and sign up for programs. One copy per household while supplies last. No signup required.

## Documentary Screening – *Dorothea Lange: Grab a Hunk of Lightning*

Thursday, January 5, 1:30 pm

🏠 Libertyville Civic Center, Libertyville

Thursday, January 5, 6 pm

🏠 Indian Trails Public Library

Friday, January 6, 1:30 pm

🏠 Cook Memorial–Aspen Drive Library, Vernon Hills

## Polio & Disability

Polio survivor Paulette Bergounous presents on the social impacts of polio, as well as the experiences of survivors after their illness.

Friday, January 13, 2 pm 🏠 Indian Trails Library

## Dorothea Lange: Photographer & Activist

With author, journalist and former *Chicago Sun-Times* picture editor Richard Cahan.

Sunday, January 22, 1 pm 🌐 🏠 Vernon Area

## The Art of Maynard Dixon

Art historian Jeff Mishur discusses Dorothea Lange's first husband, considered to be the premier painter of the old American West.

Tuesday, January 24, 7 pm 🌐

## The Montgomery Block

The eclectic residents of San Francisco's "Monkey Block" artist colony included Dorothea Lange, Mark Twain, and Robert Lewis Stevenson. Lorri Ungaretti of the San Francisco Historical Society presents.

Tuesday, February 7, 7 pm 🌐

## Behind the Scenes with a Documentary Photographer

Photographer Lloyd DeGrane shares his experience documenting the people who live unsheltered in downtown Chicago.

Wednesday, February 8, 7 pm 🌐

## Flappers & Fedoras

Matt and Cynthia Gruel combine their musical talents to bring you sounds of the "The Flapper Age".

Sunday, February 19, 2 pm 🏠 Indian Trails

## San Francisco's Chinatown

A brief history of Chinese immigration to the West Coast in the 19th century and its enduring influence on American culture.

Monday, February 20, 6:30 pm 🏠 Indian Trails

## Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 10, 10:30 am 🏠 Indian Trails

Thursday, January 12, 10:30 am 🌐

Tuesday, January 31, 7 pm 🌐

Thursday, February 2, 7 pm 🏠 Indian Trails

Thursday, February 9, 10 am 🌐

Tuesday, February 14, 2 pm 🏠 Vernon Area

Thursday, February 16, 1 pm 🌐

Tuesday, February 21, 7 pm 🌐

## Finale Event: Author Jasmin Darznik

Novelist Jasmin Darznik shares her inspiration behind this year's selection, *The Bohemians*.

Sunday, February 26, 1-2 pm 🌐 🏠 Stevenson High School West Auditorium, Lincolnshire



## Featured Resources *for adults*



### HERITAGE QUEST

New! Data from the 1950 U.S. Federal Census became publicly available just this year. Fill in gaps in your family history with info about household members, ages, places of birth, addresses, and immigration. Access using your library card: [guides.VAPLD.info/heritage](https://guides.VAPLD.info/heritage)



### GUIDE FOR MOVIE FANS

Winter is a great time for catching up on video viewing, and the library guide For Movie Fans is just the ticket. Browse new releases and staff favorites, award winners, and other great viewing ideas, all free with your library card. [guides.VAPLD.info/MovieFans](https://guides.VAPLD.info/MovieFans)



### HOBBIES AND CRAFTS REFERENCE CENTER

Get ideas and detailed instructions for your next project or creation including PDF patterns to download and print and articles from popular crafting books and magazines. [guides.VAPLD.info/crafts](https://guides.VAPLD.info/crafts)

## Classes & Events *for adults*

Note location with each event (🏠 in-person, 📺 online). Some events offer both in-person and streaming options for attendance. Events may move to Zoom if required by public health conditions. Free and open to all. Sign up (required) at [VAPLD.info/calendar](https://VAPLD.info/calendar) or call 224-543-1485.

### Path to Citizenship Webinar

A one-hour overview of the journey from Green Card holder to U.S. citizen. Includes information about eligibility, N-400 applications, medical exceptions, fees, public benefits, and the interview and oath ceremony.

Thursday, December 1, 6–7 pm 📺

### Signup opens for Citizenship Preparation Classes

Prepare for your citizenship test in a small group. Content includes speaking, reading and writing English, along with U.S. history and civics. Classes meet online on Tuesday nights January 17– April 4. Sign up online at [VAPLD.info/citizenship](https://VAPLD.info/citizenship).

December 2: signup opens for Vernon Area Library cardholders

January 3: signup opens for all others

### Who Is the City For?

Chicago architecture critics Blair Kamin and Lee Bey highlight public spaces and the visible effects of discrimination and disinvestment.

Tuesday, December 6, 7–8 pm 📺

### Parent Education: Battling Screen Addiction

Child Psychiatrist Clifford Sussman, MD, discusses digital addiction. Offered in partnership with District 103.

Tuesday, December 6, 7–8:30 pm 📺

### The Hollywood Blockbuster

#### ADULTS & TEENS

Learn from film historian Brian Rose how Steven Spielberg and George Lucas forever changed the movie industry.

Wednesday, December 7, 7–8 pm 📺

### One Book, One Community Kickoff

Pick up a book and a treat. See details on page 3 or visit [1book.org](https://1book.org).

Sunday, December 11, 1–2 pm 🏠 Lobby

Illinois Libraries Present: Shauna Sever





### Tiny Art Show Supply Pickup

ALL AGES

Pick up a 4"x4" canvas to customize using provided supplies or your own. Then return your masterpiece by January 13 to be part of the Tiny Art Show exhibition in February.

Supply pickup: December 12–23, while supplies last

Return deadline: January 13

### Concert: Home for the Holidays with Beckie Menzie & Tom Michael

Enjoy a nostalgic winter-themed performance from one of Chicago cabaret's most in-demand duos.

Monday, December 12, 1–2 pm 

### Update on Antisemitism in America

Information and analysis presented by Sarah van Loon, the Chicago regional director of the American Jewish Committee (AJC).

Monday, December 12, 7–8 pm 



### Illinois Libraries Present: Shauna Sever

The *Midwest Made* baker and cookbook author shares tips to make your winter gatherings delicious.

Tuesday, December 13, 7–8 pm 

### Chicago Architecture, the Latest & Greatest

Architectural historian Laurie Petersen (*AIA Guide to Chicago*) highlights stunning new skyscrapers and restored neighborhood gems.

Tuesday, January 10, 1–2 pm  


### Illinois Libraries Present: Ross Gay

Embrace the new year with a conversation about joy with best-selling essayist and award-winning poet Ross Gay.

Wednesday, January 11, 7–8 pm 

### Concert: Jeanne Becker Trio, Celebrating the Music of Rodgers & Hart

Enjoy a jazz performance of songs from the golden age of American songwriting.

Sunday, January 15, 1–2 pm 

### Save on Utility Bills

Learn strategies and rebate opportunities from the Citizens Utility Board of Illinois (CUB).

Tuesday, January 17, 6:30–8 pm 


### Can You Afford to Retire?

Tips on maximizing your Social Security benefits while minimizing taxes. Includes info about estate planning.

Wednesday, January 18, 6:30–8 pm 

### Dorothea Lange, Photographer & Activist

Part of One Book, One Community. See page 3 for details or visit [1book.org](http://1book.org).

Sunday, January 22, 1–2 pm  

### Lost Chicago Department Stores

Historian and author Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., revisits the rise and fall of our city's bygone emporiums including Marshall Field's, Carson Pirie Scott, Wieboldt's, and Goldblatt's.

Monday, January 23, 1–2 pm  

### I-Cash

Is the State Treasurer holding a dormant bank account, insurance settlement or refund check for you? Stop by to search their database and find out. No signup required.

Monday, January 23, 2–3 pm  Lobby

### Art Workshop: Paper Quilling

Make a beautiful snowflake greeting card using paper filigree.

Wednesday, January 25, 6:30–8 pm 

### Parent Education: Strategies for Managing Sibling Rivalry

PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12

Child development specialist Dr. Siggie Cohen shares expertise about creating family harmony. Presented in partnership with District 103.

Wednesday, January 25, 8–9:30 pm 

### Tiny Art Show Exhibition

Enjoy tiny, artful canvases created by local residents.

ongoing February 1–28  Lobby



*Lost Chicago Department Stores*

### Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin

Learn about the Wisconsin home, studio and 800-acre agricultural estate of this important American architect.

Monday, February 6, 1–2 pm 

### ABCs of EVs

Considering a hybrid or electric car? Get answers and information to help you decide which EV may be right for you.

Tuesday, February 7, 6:30–8 pm 

### Behind the Scenes with a Documentary Photographer

Part of One Book, One Community. See details on page 3 or visit [1book.org](http://1book.org).

Wednesday, February 8, 7–8 pm 

### Ladies of Laughter: Great Comediennes

Film historian Dr. Annette Bochenek revisits funny women from film, TV and radio, including Gracie Allen, Lucille Ball, and Eve Arden.

Monday, February 13, 1–2 pm  



### Exploring the Poles

Polar expedition leader Keith Heger shares stories and photography from his travels to the ends of the Earth.

Wednesday, February 15, 7–8 pm 

### One Book, One Community Finale: Author Jasmin Darznik

See details on page 3 or visit [1book.org](http://1book.org).

Sunday, February 26, 1–2 pm    
Stevenson High School





## Discussion Groups & Meetups

### English Language Learners Conversation Group

Practice your English conversation skills with a librarian and other non-native English speakers.

Tuesdays, 11 am–12 pm

December 6, Jan. 10 & 24, Feb. 7 & 21

### World Language Movie Discussion

Stream or borrow the movie with your library card, then discuss with fellow international cinema fans.

Wednesdays, 7–8 pm

December 7: *Le Quattro Volte* (NR)

February 15: *A Man Called Ove* (PG-13)

### Book Discussion with Judy Levin

Read and discuss intriguing selections beyond the best sellers.

Thursdays, 10–11:30 am

December 8: *A Play For the End of the World* by Jai Chakrabarti

January 12: *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr

February 9: *The Bohemians* by Jasmin Darznik

### Writers' Support Group

Share work, meet fellow writers, get constructive feedback and discuss the publishing business in this informal group. All writers welcome.

Thursdays, 6:30–8:30 pm

December 8, January 12, February 9

### Games for Grown-ups

#### ADULTS & TEENS

Play tabletop games together in the library or interactively online.

Sundays, 12:30–4:30 pm

December 11, January 8 & 29, February 19

### Thirsty Thursdays: Books on Tap

For readers in their 20s or 30s. See [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) for details and signup.

Thursdays, 6–8 pm

The Chatterbox, Long Grove

December 15, January 19, February 16

### Reel Talk Movie Discussion

Check out or stream the movie in advance, then log in to discuss.

Fridays, 3:30–4:30 pm

December 16: *The Death of Stalin* (R)

January 20: *The Children Act* (R)

February 17: *The Immigrant* (R)

### Off the Hook: Knit & Crochet Group

Celebrate finished projects, get or give crafting advice, and share friendly conversation in this casual online group.

Mondays, 7–8:30 pm

December 19, January 23, February 27

### Own Voices Book Discussion

*The Book of Form and Emptiness* by Ruth Ozeki. An exploration of mental illness and bereavement through the story of a boy who begins hearing voices after the death of his musician father.

Wednesday, January 11, 7–8 pm

### Must-Read Nonfiction

Discuss real-life stories that are engaging, informative and important.

Mondays, 7–8 pm

January 16: *Ten Tomatoes that Changed the World* by William Alexander

February 20: *Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly* by Anthony Bourdain

### Memory Café

This monthly gathering offers individuals with memory loss and their caregivers an opportunity for connection and conversation.

Thursdays 2–3 pm

Community Arts Center, 225 McHenry Road, Buffalo Grove

January 26, February 23

### Novel Night Book Discussion

*The Bohemians* by Jasmin Darznik. Part of One Book, One Community. See page 3 or [1book.org](https://www.1book.org).

Tuesday, January 31, 7–8:15 pm

### Great Decisions

Study and discuss important foreign policy topics. New curriculum year starts in February. Meets monthly. Choose from Wednesday mornings or Friday afternoons, online or in person.

Wednesday, February 15,

10:30 am–12:30 pm

Friday, February 10, 1–3 pm

### One Book, One Community Book Discussion

*The Bohemians* by Jasmin Darznik. See details on page 3 or [1book.org](https://www.1book.org).

Tuesday, February 14, 2–3 pm



## Technology, Business & Career Development

### SCORE 1-on-1 Business Mentoring

Get free expert advice to launch your business or to help your small business grow. Appointments required.

December 8, January 12, February 9  

### Pop-up Makerspace

Complete a fun project using supplies, tools and guidance from the library. No signup required for December; sign up for Jan. & Feb. sessions separately.

Thursdays 

December 8, 4–6 pm:

Use AI to Create a Holiday Card

January 12, 7–8:30 pm:

Beaded Leather Bracelets

February 9, 7–8:30 pm:

Valentine's Day Lanterns

### Intro to Python

Learn the basics of Python in this three-part, hands-on class. No coding experience needed.

Tuesdays, 7–8:30 pm 

January 10, 17 & 24

### Gmail Basics

Thursday, January 19, 7–8:30 pm 

### Gmail Beyond the Basics

Tame your email using filters, search and settings. Learn to work with file attachments.

Thursday, January 26, 7–8 pm 

### Google Drive

Thursday, February 2, 7–8 pm 

### 3D Printing

Sign up for each session separately according to your interest.

Intro to 3D Printing:

Thursday, February 16, 7–8 pm 

Advanced Techniques:

Thursday, February 23, 7–8 pm 

Hinges: Tuesday, February 28, 7–8:30 

### Photo Editing with GIMP

Get started with this free, open-source alternative to Photoshop.

Tuesday, February 21, 7–8:30 pm 

### Get Your Local Business on Google Search & Maps

Learn to claim and customize your Google Business profile, an essential tool for small businesses.

Thursday, Feb. 16, 10:30–11:30 am  

### Job Visualization

Bring your values, interests and goals into focus to achieve the vision you have for your career and life. Presented by the partner libraries of the Lake Cook Career Collaborative. Learn more at [CareerCollab.org](https://CareerCollab.org).

Wednesday, February 22, 6:30–8 pm 

## Tiny Art Show

SUPPLY PICKUP: DECEMBER 12–23, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

RETURN BY JANUARY 13 • ON DISPLAY FEBRUARY 1–28

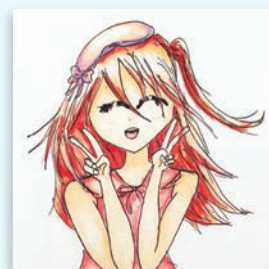
Tiny art is making a **big** splash, and you are invited to get in on the fun.

The Tiny Art Show concept makes art accessible to anyone. Canvases are just 4" — a size that keeps it from feeling too intimidating or too daunting.

Anyone of any age (5+) or artistic ability is invited to participate. Just stop by the library to pick up a kit containing a tiny canvas, two brushes and paint pots. Use the provided art supplies or any others you like, and unleash your creativity.

Return your finished artwork to the library to be part of a community-wide exhibition. Then visit the library in February to see your work on display along with that of your neighbors, classmates, and friends.

Pick up an art kit and details when you visit the library or drive-up window beginning December 12, available while supplies last.





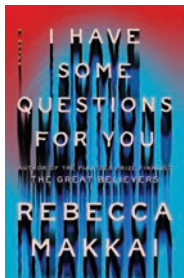
## RECOMMENDED READING

# Something Old, Something New

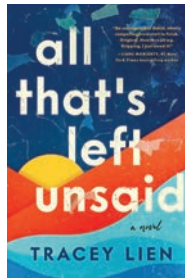


It's an exciting reading season this winter, with lots of long-awaited releases from some fan-favorite authors. We've paired these big-name books with titles from up-and-coming authors, so you get double the good reading.

## Literary Mystery



*I Have Some Questions For You*  
by Rebecca Makkai



*All That's Left Unsaid*  
by Tracey Lien



*The Passenger*  
by Cormac McCarthy



*Meet Us by the Roaring Sea*  
by Akil Kumarasamy

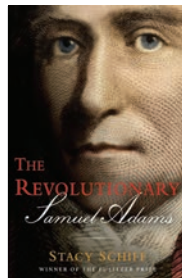


*Demon Copperhead*  
by Barbara Kingsolver



*Pride and Protest*  
by Nikki Payne

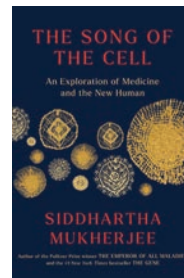
## American Innovators



*The Revolutionary*  
by Stacy Schiff



*The Great Air Race*  
by John Lancaster



*The Song of the Cell*  
by Siddhartha Mukherjee



*The Milky Way*  
by Mo'ya McTier



# Classes & Events *for teens*

Note location with each item (🏠 in-person, 📺 online). Events may move to Zoom if required by public health conditions. All events are free and open to all. Sign up (required) at [VAPLD.info/calendar](https://vapld.info/calendar) or 224-543-1486.

## Parent Education: Battling Screen Addiction

PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADE K-8

Child Psychiatrist Clifford Sussman, MD, discusses digital addiction. Offered in partnership with District 103.

Tuesday, December 6, 7-8:30 pm 📺

## Cook Along with Chef Kristyn

THROUGH GRADE 8

Log in from your kitchen and cook along live over Zoom using recipes you receive in advance.

Fridays, 7-8 pm 📺

Dec 9: Gingerbread Houses

Jan 13: S'mores and More

Feb 10: Sweets for Your Sweet

## Tiny Art Show ALL AGES

See details on page 7.

Supply pickup: December 12-23, while supplies last

Return deadline: January 13

Exhibit: February 1-28

## String Art Letters GRADES 6-12

Use cork board, tacks and embroidery floss to make an initial into art.

Monday, December 12, 6:30-7:30 pm 🏠

## Exam Cram GRADES 9-12

Extra study space exclusively for high school students.

December 17-21 🏠

## Chess Mini-Games GRADES 5-8

Practice basics and advance your skills by playing smaller chess games. Beginners welcome.

Tuesday, December 27, 2-3:30 pm 🏠

## Sphero Money Mania GRADES 6-8

Gain money smarts by playing games using the Sphero robot.

Tuesday, January 10, 7-8:30 pm 🏠

## Teen Volunteering GRADES 7-12

Help others from where you are and earn service hours, too. See [guides](https://vapld.info/TeenVolunteers). [VAPLD.info/TeenVolunteers](https://vapld.info/TeenVolunteers) for details.

Spring session begins January 10

## Rebecca Caudill Award Book Discussion GRADES 6-8

Discuss *The Blackbird Girls* by Anne Blankman: Two 5th grade adversaries are thrown together after the Chernobyl disaster. Pick up a copy of the book (yours to keep) at the Youth Desk.

Thursday, January 12, 6:30-7:30 pm 🏠

## Giving Back on MLK Day

THROUGH GRADE 8

Complete service projects for local organizations. Family groups welcome.

Monday, January 16 🏠

1-2:30 pm or 3-4:30 pm

## Off the Page: A Teen Book Club

GRADES 8-12

Participants get a copy of the book to keep and custard (our treat!)

Mondays, 7-8:15 pm

🏠 Culver's, Lincolnshire

Jan 16: *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson

February 20: *Charming as a Verb* by Ben Philippe

## Teen Take & Make Craft Kits

GRADES 6-12

Reserve beginning 30 days in advance; pick up on the date indicated.

January 20: Winter Scene Jars

February 17: Phone Charms

## Parent Education: Strategies for Managing Sibling Rivalry

PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12

Child development specialist Dr. Siggie Cohen shares expertise about creating family harmony. Hosted with District 103.

Wednesday, January 25, 8-9:30 pm 📺



Upcoming book discussion titles

## Chess Challenge Meetup

GRADES 5-8

Already know how to play chess? Join friends for practice games.

Tuesday, January 31, 7-8:15 pm 🏠

## Kid Market Application Period

THROUGH GRADE 8

Junior entrepreneurs: apply for personalized business coaching, followed by an expo-style market day at the library. Details and application: [VAPLD.info/KidMarket](https://vapld.info/KidMarket)

Apply online: February 1-24

Market day: April 29

## Drawing Manga GRADES 6-8

Learn to draw Japanese comic-style characters from instructor Dan Laib.

Wednesday, February 1, 6:30-7:30 pm 🏠

## Kawaii Polymer Clay Crafts

GRADES 6-12

Craft adorable figures using easy polymer clay techniques and tools.

Monday, February 6, 7-8 pm 🏠

## Prom Dress Collection

Donate formal wear and accessories and make prom dreams come true. Drop off in the library lobby.

February 26-March 11 🏠



## Featured Resources *for kids*



### NOVELIST

Find your child's next favorite book using NovelList, a powerful book-specific search engine. Sort and filter using what you know about their reading preferences to find other titles they'll love.

Start here:

[VAPLD.info/novelistK8](http://VAPLD.info/novelistK8)



### TEACHABLES

Regain some ground over winter break by keeping kids engaged and learning. Scholastic Teachables are educator-created, expert-vetted worksheets you can print at home. Log in with your library card number at [VAPLD.info/teachables](http://VAPLD.info/teachables)



### BOOK TALKS

Each month Vernon Area librarians share a "Book of the Month" recommendation in video form for each grade from 1 through 8. Find them all collected here for boredom busters and gift-giving ideas: [guides.VAPLD.info/BookTalks](http://guides.VAPLD.info/BookTalks)

## Classes & Events *for kids*

Note location with each item (🏠 in-person, 🌐 online). Events may move to Zoom if required by public health conditions. Free and open to all. Sign up is required unless otherwise specified. Sign up at [VAPLD.info/calendar](http://VAPLD.info/calendar) or 224-543-1486.

### Take & Make Kits **ALL AGES**

Stop by and pick up instructions and supplies to make a craft. No signup required. Available while supplies last beginning:

Dec. 2: Winter Luminaries

Dec. 19: New Year's Party in a Bag

Jan. 6: Lunar New Year

Feb. 10: Winter Boredom Buster

### Parent Education: Battling Screen Addiction

**PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADE K-8**

Child Psychiatrist Clifford Sussman, MD, discusses digital addiction. Offered in partnership with District 103.

Tuesday, December 6, 7-8:30 pm 🌐

### Hour of Code **GRADES K-2**

Stevenson High School Girls in STEAM lead this one-hour introduction to computer science.

Wednesday, December 7, 7-8 pm 🏠

### Mighty Mastodons **GRADES K-5**

Find out what Lake County was like during the Ice Age through stories and artifacts from the Dunn Museum.

Thursday, December 8, 7-8 pm 🏠

### Cook Along with Chef Kristyn

**GRADES K-8**

Log in from your kitchen and cook along live over Zoom using recipes you receive in advance.

Fridays, 7-8 pm 🌐

Dec. 9: Gingerbread Houses

Jan. 13: S'mores and More

Feb. 10: Sweets for Your Sweet

### Tiny Art Show

**AGES 5-ADULT**

See details on page 7.

Supply pickup: December 12-23, while supplies last

Return deadline: January 13

Exhibit: February 1-28

### K9 Reading Buddies **GRADES 1-5**

A trained therapy dog listens patiently while your student reads aloud. Signup begins 30 days before each program. Call 224-543-1486 to reserve your 15-minute spot.

Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30 pm 🏠

December 14, January 18, February 15

### Winter Card Workshop **GRADES K-5**

Use supplied papers and extras to make a fancy greeting card and envelope.

Thursday, December 15 🏠

Grades K-2: 4:30-5:30 pm

Grades 3-5: 7-8 pm

### Chess Mini-Games **GRADES 1-4**

Learn strategies and techniques while practicing the basics by playing smaller chess games. Beginners welcome.

Tuesday, Dec. 27, 11 am-12:30 pm 🏠



**Moana Sing-Along** AGES 3-12

Signup includes a bag of props to use (and keep!) as you dance, sing, and interact along with the movie.

Wednesday, December 28, 1:30-3 pm 

**Lego Master Builders** GRADES K-5

Families work together to complete building challenges, then stay for free-build time.

Thursday, December 29 

Grades K-2: 1:30-2:30 pm

Grades 3-5: 4:30-5:30 pm

**Family Trivia: Chicago Edition**

GRADES K-5


What does your family know about Chicago? Compete as a team in this fun quiz night.

Tuesday, January 3, 6:30-7:30 pm 

**Family Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange**

ALL AGES

Finished all your jigsaw puzzles? Swap with other families for ones that are new to you. No signup required, just bring your puzzles and stop by.

Wednesday, January 4, 2-3 pm 

**Sphero Money Mania** GRADES 3-5

Gain money smarts about earning, saving and spending by playing games using the Sphero robot.

Tuesday, January 10, 4:30-5:45 pm 

**Giving Back on MLK Day**

GRADES K-8

Spend part of your day off school completing service projects for local organizations. Family groups welcome.

Monday, January 16 

1-2:30 pm or 3-4:30 pm

**Dance to China** GRADES K-5

Celebrate Lunar New Year by learning about Chinese dance traditions. Session includes a short fan dance lesson.

Saturday, January 21, 11 am-12 pm 

**Exploring Great Artists:**

**Ansel Adams** GRADES K-5

Learn about this famous American photographer as Miss Jane leads you step-by-step to create your own

masterpiece inspired by one of his iconic black-and-white images.

Monday, January 23, 

Grades K-2: 4:30-5:30 pm

Grades 3-5: 7-8:15 pm

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PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12


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Wednesday, January 25, 8-9:30 pm 

**Bluestem Award Book Discussion**

GRADES 3-5


This parent-child book group will discuss *The Last Human* by Lee Bacon. Pick up a copy of the book (yours to keep) at the Youth Desk.

Thursday, January 26, 7-8 pm 

**Chess Challenge Meetup**

GRADES 2-4

Already know how to play chess? Sharpen your skills with practice games.

Tuesday, January 31, 4:30-5:45 pm 

**Kid Market Application Period**

GRADES 2-8

Junior entrepreneurs: apply for personalized business coaching, followed by an expo-style public event at the library to sell your wares. Details and application: [VAPLD.info/KidMarket](http://VAPLD.info/KidMarket)

Apply online: February 1-24

Market day: April 29

**Drawing Manga** GRADES 2-5

Artist Dan Laib teaches techniques for drawing Japanese comic-style characters.

Wednesday, February 1, 4:30-5:30 pm 

**NASA ¡Lotería! Family Game Night**

GRADES K-5

Learn astrophysics facts as your family plays this bingo-type game.

Thursday, February 2, 6:30-7:30 pm 

**Family Concert: Nanny Nikki**

ALL AGES

This Grammy-nominated children's



*Family Concert: Nanny Nikki*

entertainer combines music, dancing, and puppets for a Valentine's-themed interactive performance.

Saturday, February 11, 11-11:45 am

**Create Art with Miss Jane**

GRADES K-5

Follow step-by-step to create a beautiful keepsake for Valentine's Day.

Monday, February 13 

Grades K-2: 4:30-5:30 pm

Grades 3-5: 7-8 pm

**Frog Lady & Friends**

GRADES K-5

Get an up-close look at some impressive amphibians and reptiles.

Thursday, February 16, 7-8 pm 

**Lego Robotics** GRADES K-5

Build and program interactive models using LEGO Education WeDo software.

Wednesday, February 22 

Grades K-2: 4:30-5:30 pm

Grades 3-5: 7-8 pm

**Food Physics** GRADES 3-5

Learn physics principles by conducting science experiments using snack foods.

Thursday, February 23, 6:30-7:30 pm 

**Feathered Friends STEM Storytime**

GRADES K-2

Hear a story about birds, play a learning game, and make a simple bird feeder to take home.

Tuesday, February 28, 4:30-5:15 pm 



## Featured Resources *for birth to pre-k*



### EARLY LEARNING KITS

Each Early Learning Kit includes books and educational toys packaged in a convenient backpack. Choose from more than 50 themes ranging from "Little Scientist" to "Big Emotions."

Find them in the Youth department or under "Early Learning Kit" in the catalog.



### PLAYTIME AT THE LIBRARY



Beat cabin fever with a trip to the library! Have a playdate in the Picture Book Room with Duplos, puzzles, and games — then check out an armful of books and more to keep the fun going at home.



### WORLD RHYMES

Nursery rhymes are a worldwide tradition. Visit [VAPLD.info/WorldKids](https://vapl.org/WorldKids) to explore videos of your youth librarians, friends, and neighbors sharing rhymes in some of the many languages spoken in our community.

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### Drop In

It's easier than ever to make storytime part of your family's weekly routine. Drop in for the session that's right for your child's age. For in-person sessions, claim an entry ticket when you arrive, then join the fun! For online sessions, find the link in the library calendar, then say hello in the chat when you join.

#### Baby Rhyme Storytime 0-14 MONTHS

Grow your baby's brain with songs, rhymes, and books with Miss Kelsey.

Wednesdays, 9:30–10 am 

December 7, 14, 21; January 4, 11, 18; February 1, 8, 22

#### Wiggling Ones 12-24 MONTHS

Add 30 minutes of joy to your week. Giggle, sing, and play along with your little one, other families, and Miss Julia.

Tuesdays, 9:30–10 am or 10:30–11 am 

December 6, 13, 20; January 10, 17, 24; February 7, 14, 21

#### Together 2s & 3s AGES 2-3

Share stories and learn sign language with Miss Sarah. Activities center around a letter of the day.

Mondays, 9:30–10 am or 10:30–11 am 

December 5, 12, 19; January 9, 16, 23; February 6, 13, 20

#### Preschool Storytime AGES 3-5

Get ready for school with Miss Emily by practicing the language, listening, and pre-reading skills needed for kindergarten. Children attend without an adult.

Thursdays, 9:30–10 am or 10:30–11 am 

December 1, 8, 15; January 5, 12, 19; February 2, 9, 16

#### Streaming Science Storytime AGES 0-6

Miss Lisa Marie introduces simple science concepts through books and live experiments. No signup required. Find the Zoom link in the library calendar or email newsletter.

Fridays, 10–10:30 am 

December 9, January 13, February 10



## Sign Up in Advance

For these storytimes and events, sign up in advance at [VAPLD.info/calendar](http://VAPLD.info/calendar), by telephone at 224-543-1486 or at any public service desk in the library.

### Goodnight Tales for Tots AGES 0-3

Wind down your day with calming books and songs with Miss Nessa. Sign up for each month separately.

Tuesdays, 6–6:30 pm 

December 6, 13, 20; January 10, 17, 24; February 14, 21

### Evening Stories with Miss Emily AGE 3–GRADE 2

Put on pajamas and relax with a bedtime story. Sign up for each month separately.

Wednesdays, 7–7:30 pm 

December 7, 14, 21; January 4, 11, 18; February 1, 8, 15

### Mini Math Magicians AGES 3-5

Explore math concepts through books, games and activities with preschool pro Miss Emily.

Thursdays, 10–10:30 am 

December 22, January 26

### Bilingual Storytime AGES 0-6

Read stories and sing songs in English and another language.

Fridays, 10–10:30 am 

Spanish: December 16, February 24

Mandarin/Lunar New Year: January 20

### Science Detectives AGES 3-6

STEM-themed stories and activities with Miss Lisa Marie.

Fridays, 10–10:30 am 

December 2, January 6, February 3

### 'Drive-In' Movie AGES 2-5

Transform a cardboard box into a car then pull up to a short "drive-in" movie. Supplies provided. Vroom vroom!

Saturday, December 3 

9:30–10:15 am or 11–11:45 am


### New Year's Noon AGES 0-6

Dress up and celebrate the New Year with stories, songs, and a big countdown just before 12 pm.

Friday, December 30, 11:15 am–12 pm 

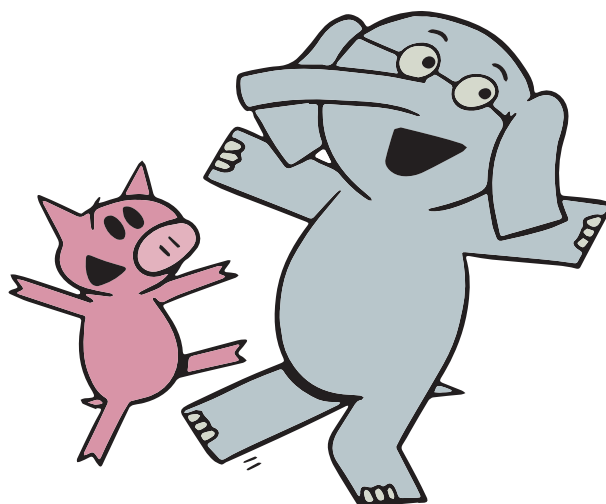
### Sunshine Squad AGES 0-6

Stories and activities focused on making the world a kinder, sunnier place for everyone.

10–10:45 am 

Wednesday, January 25: Skin Color Diversity


Saturday, February 18: Kind Words, Kind Heart



*Elephant & Piggie Party*

### Snowy Sensory Storytime AGES 0-6

We'll have snow much fun, exploring, singing, reading, and playing. For children of all abilities.

10–10:45 am 

Saturday, January 28 or Tuesday, January 31

### Feathered Friends STEM Storytime AGES 3-5

Hear a story about birds, play a learning game, and make a simple bird feeder to take home.

Tuesday, February 28, 1:30–2 pm 

### Moana Sing-Along AGES 3-12

Your child's signup includes a bag of props to use (and keep!) as they dance, sing, and interact along with the movie.

Wednesday, December 28, 1:30–3 pm 

### Yoga Storytime AGES 3-8

Miss Sarah combines well-being and early literacy while sharing stories, rhymes, and simple poses with you and your child.

Tuesday, January 3, 10:30–11 am 

### Elephant & Piggie Party AGES 4-8

You are invited to a party! Enjoy stories, crafts and activities featuring your favorite duo.

Saturday, January 7 

9:30–10:15 am or 11–11:45 am

### Family Concert: Nanny Nikki AGES 0-6

Grammy-nominated children's entertainer Nikki Rung combines music, dancing and puppets in this Valentine's-themed interactive performance.

Saturday, February 11, 11–11:45 am 



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## Open

Monday–Thursday	9 AM–9 PM
Friday–Saturday	9 AM–5 PM
Sunday	10 AM–5 PM

Before-hours access is available for people who prefer a “mask required” environment. See website for info about special operating hours.

## Closed

Saturday, December 24  
Sunday, December 25  
Saturday, December 31  
Sunday, January 1



### ► Check this out

*NEW! Charge your car while you browse the library. Two electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are now available for public use at the back of the library parking lot. See details inside.*